## **BOX ELDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

DISTRICT NO. 13-G, HILL COUNTY BOX ELDER, MONTANA 59521 DATE 12/11

January 4, 2011

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am Robert A. Heppner, superintendent of Box Elder Schools in Box Elder, Montana and I am here to request your support of HB 15. This bill would help our school obtain a classroom addition.

We are in the unique position of being located near the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation and having no tax base or bonding capacity. With the drop in Impact Aid funding we do not have another source of income to fund a construction project. The Quality Schools Grant Program has been beneficial to our school district as we have made energy improvements and developed construction plans for our addition through the program.

On behalf of the Box Elder School Board and the students who attend Box Elder Schools I would appreciate a vote for HB 15.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Heppner-Superintendent